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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 2-8 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claims 2-8, replace “A method” with [The method] to correct antecedent basis errors.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

2. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Miya et al.

(US2003/0186725).

Regarding claim 1, Miya et al. anticipate a method of calibrating an antenna and receiver system having multiple channels, each channel comprising an antenna, feed cable and associated receiver components (Fig. 14), the method comprising the steps of:

(i) applying a wideband calibration signal to each antenna feed, the similar characteristics to an operational wideband calibration signal having signal (paragraphs 0025-0027);

(ii) measuring a correlation response across a plurality of said channels (paragraphs 0026-0027);

(iii) deriving an estimate of signal transfer response for each of said plurality of channels based on the correlation response (paragraphs 0029-0030); and

(iv) applying compensation factors for each of said plurality of channels derived from the estimate of signal transfer response (paragraph 0031).

Regarding claim 2, Miya et al. anticipate the limitation of claim 1.

Miya et al. also anticipate said plurality of channels comprise all said multiple channels and wherein, at step (ii), the correlation response is measured with reference to said wideband calibration signal (paragraphs 0025-0027).

Regarding claim 3, Miya et al. teach the limitation of claim 1.

Miya et al. do not expressly disclose said plurality of channels comprise all but a selected one of said multiple channels and wherein at step (ii), the correlation response is measured with reference to said selected one channel (paragraphs 0028, 0065).

Miya et al. teach comparing each correlator output between radio reception units (paragraph 0028) and comparing receive points with the same reference identification point (paragraph 0065), which means one of the receive point is selected as reference.

Regarding claim 4, Miya et al. anticipate the limitation of claim 1.

Miya et al. also anticipate said wideband calibration signal comprises a pseudo-random binary sequence modulated according to a modulation scheme providing similar modulation and bandwidth characteristics to those of the operational signal (paragraphs 0021-0026).

Regarding claim 5, Miya et al. anticipate the limitation of claim 1.

Miya et al. also anticipate at step (iii), deriving said estimate of signal transfer response comprises determining the delay through the respective channel (paragraphs 0026-0030).

Regarding claim 6, Miya et al. anticipate the limitation of claim 1.

Miya et al. also anticipate at step (iii), deriving said estimate of signal transfer response further comprises deriving phase characteristics of the respective channel (paragraphs 0026-0030).

Regarding claim 7, Miya et al. anticipate the limitation of claim 1.

Miya et al. also anticipate at step (iii), deriving said estimate of signal transfer response further comprises deriving amplitude characteristics of the respective channel (paragraphs 0026-0030).

Regarding claim 8, Miya et al. anticipate the limitation of claim 1.

Miya et al. also anticipate further comprising the step of:

(v) repeating steps (i) to (iv) to compensate for changes in signal transfer response over one or more of said plurality of channels (paragraphs 0033-0036, 0085).

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Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zhiyu Lu whose telephone number is (571) 272-2837. The examiner can normally be reached on Weekdays: 9AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on (571) 272-7882. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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